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LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that during the last days the Republic of Armenia has once again carried out aggressive military actions against the Azerbaijani Republic.

On the evening of 23 April and on 24 April 1993, the Azerbaijani villages of Shaifly and Kolly Gishlag of the Zangelan district of the Azerbaijani Republic and the Zangelan district centre itself were shelled from the territory of the Kafan district of the Republic of Armenia, by the use of heavy-artillery guns and Grad installations. According to information received, a missile fell on the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On the night of 23 and 24 April, the regular military units of the National Army of the Republic of Armenia launched massive offensives on the Murovdag path which is on the border already occupied by Armenian armed forces in the Kelbajar district of the Azerbaijani Republic.

On 26 April, the villages of the Agdam district of the Azerbaijani Republic were shelled with heavy-artillery guns and tanks by the Armenian armed forces.

On the night of 24 and 25 April, the village of Sadarak in the Nakhichevan region of Azerbaijan was bombed by artillery from the territory of the Republic of Armenia.

At the same time the authorities of the Republic of Armenia were trying to cut off the last air connections between Azerbaijan and its Nakhichevan region. The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Armenia made an announcement for the banning of all flights between Baku and Nakhichevan, over the territory of the Republic of Armenia. The flights are implemented by the Azerbaijani company Azal.

As a result of the road and rail blockade by the Republic of Armenia, which began on March 1992, air flights between Baku and Nakhichevan were the only connections between Azerbaijan and the Nakhichevan region.

According to information from the Ministry of Defence of the Azerbaijani Republic, it is evident that military units and arms of the armed forces of the

Republic of Armenia were moved into the Agdara district of the Azerbaijani Republic through the occupied Kelbajar region.

As seen from the above-mentioned facts, the current situation in the region has become tense once again and there is the possibility of excessive actions.

We appeal once again to the Security Council, during the discussions on the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to the statement of the President of the Security Council in connection with the situation relating to Nagorny-Karabakh, dated 14 April 1993 (S/25600), taking into consideration the above-mentioned facts, to condemn the open aggression conducted by the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic; and to demand the immediate withdrawal of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia from the occupied territories of the Azerbaijani Republic.

I would be grateful if you could have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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